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- 1. AGATTACHE QUESTIONED CECOAAP OFFICIALS WHO SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- (A) CURRENT SUGAR PRODUCTION COST IS ESTIMATED ABOUT EIGHT US CENTS PER POUND, ALTHOUGH FURTHER COST INCREASES ARE EXPECTED FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GOVERNMENT HAS FIXED GENERALLY HIGHER PRICES, INCLUDING FUELS (SEE LIMA 5303).
- (B) RETAIL SUGAR WAS AMONG THE FEW COMMODITIES FOR WHICH PRICES WERE NOT INCREASED, REMAINING AT 5.9 CENTS PER POUND FOR REFINED AND 5.2 CENTS FOR BROWN SUGAR. THESE PRICES HAVE PREVAILED SINCE 1967.
- (C) EXPORTS IN 1974 AVERAGED 19.4 CENTS PER POUND F.O.B.

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(D) PRODUCTION 96 POLARIZATION SUGAR 1975 ESTI-

MATED 1,027 THOUSAND M.T., INCREASING TO 1,057 THOUSAND M.T. IN 1980. EXPORTS ARE ESTIMATED TO DECLINE FROM AN ESTIMATED 425 THOUSAND 1975 TO 180 THOUSAND 1980.

- (E) PERU IS PLANNING JUNGLE SUGAR PROJECT WHICH MAY BE IN PRODUCTION BY ABOUT 1979-80, BUT GOVERNMENT GENERALLY OPPOSES NEW PLANTINGS OR MILL EXPANSION ON COAST DUE TO HIGHER PRIORITIES FOR FOOD AND GRAIN CROPS.
- (F) CONSUMPTION GROWTH IS ESTIMATED AT 7 PERCENT ANNUALLY.
- (G) PERU HAS NO LONG-TERM SUGAR COMMITMENTS BUT WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN AGAIN PARTICIPATING IN U.S. AGREEMENT IF RENEWED.
- (H) GOVERNMENT NOW FIXES DOMESTIC SUGAR PRICE LEVELS WITH FOOD SUPPLY AGENCY EPSA DISTRIBUTING SMALL PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DOMESTIC REQUIREMENT. IT IS ALTHOGETHER POSSIBLE THAT GOVERNMENT MIGHT LATER DESIRE GREATER PARTICIPATION IN SUGAR MARKETING AND EXPORT.

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